

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. Claim 1, line ¹⁶~~9~~, change "12" to -(12)--.

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Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-6 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Re claim 1, the independent claim includes "a bracket having a first limb and a second limb, a bearing pivotally joining the bracket on the support at a location between the first and second limbs; and means connecting the end of the float arm furthest from the float to first limb at a location a predetermined distance from the bearing whereby damaging vibration can be eliminated from the level sensor" in combination with the remaining claim limitation is not taught and/or made obvious by the prior art. See remarks pages 1-3, received on 1/10/07.

Langer, considered closest to related art, teaches a bracket (3) holding a lever wire (4) at one end and attached to a ball joint (22) at the other end. The ball joint (22) is then connected to a coupling element (21), which contains a damping element (23) (See fig. 4). As depicted in fig. 1, Langer teaches the bearing pivotally joining a bracket (3) to a support (1) at a location that is at